GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL PRODUCTION BY JINDAL STEEL AND POWER LTD.
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Jindal Steel and Power Limited were permitted to produce coal;

(b) the terms and conditions of agreement entered into with them for the purpose;

(c) the quantum of coal fixed for production annually; and

(d) the quantum of coal provided by South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) before entry of private sector in coal production and the quantum of coal now being produced by the company annually?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c) : M/s. Jindal Strips Limited had been allotted Gare- Palma IV/1 coal block in the command area of South Eastern Coalfields Limited to meet the coal requirement of 2 mty of their sponge iron plant at Raigarh in June, 1996 on the basis of the decision of the Screening Committee taken in its meeting held on 3.4.1996. M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Limited who is now developing this block is a company which has been formed by hiving off the sponge iron unit at Raigarh and Engineering Division of Raipur from the erstwhile Jindal Strips Limited.

The allotment of the block was made subject to the general conditions of obtaining lease of mining rights and complying with various legal and commercial formalities within a period of six months.

(d) : M/s. Jindal Steel and Power Limited have started production from Gare-Palma IV/1 coal block from February,1999. The company produced 1.416 mt. and 1.549 mt. of coal during 2000- 01 and 2001-02 respectively. The despatch of coal by South Eastern Coalfields Limited to M/s.Jindal Steel and Power Limited prior to and after the start of production of coal by the company is given below :

Year	Quantity in thousand tonnes
1994-95	221.64
1995-96	454.10
1996-97	633.64
1997-98	575.72
1998-99	653.30
1999-00	199.04
2000-01	16.38
2001-02	12.00 (Prov.)